to major ports and the balance 111 projects involving a total investment of Rs. 44,535 crores pertain to Merchant Shipping and Inland Water Transport. The activities covered under the Programme include deepening of port channels, construction/upgradation of berths and terminals, modernization of port equipment, inprovement in road and rail connectivity to major ports, improvement in backup facilities in major ports, tonnage acquisition maritime training and coastal shipping.

(c) A total of 28 projects pertaining to Paradip Port, the.only major port in Orissa, have been identified for inclusion in the Programme. Total investment involved in these projects is Rs. 2403.67 crores. Major projects include deepening of the port channel to handle 1,25,000 DWT vessels (Phase I), deepening of the port channel to handle 1,85,000 DWT vessels (Phase II), construction of deep draft iron ore berth, construction of berths for berths for clean cargo, development of a container terminal, mechanized coking coal handling facilities, four-laning of roads from Chandikhole to Paradip Port NH-5Aand Cuttack to Paradip SH-12 through National Highways Authority of India and enhancement of rail connectivity between Haridaspur and Paradip Port through the Railways.

Four-laning of Chandikhol-Duburi road in Orissa

507! MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre propose to put all major National Highways projects in Orissa into the ongoing NHDP III A phase through a special order;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of four-laning of the Chandikhol-Duburi road and the Keonjhar-Panikoili road and the time-frame within which these would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir, Only, Chandhikhol-Duburi section of NH-200 having length of 39 km and Panikoili-Keonjhar-Roxy section of NH-215 having length of 249 km have been approved under NHDP Phase MIA for four-laning on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

(c) Project preparation for these roads has been awarded. It is too early to indicate the time-frame for completion of these four-laning projects, which will be known after completion of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and award of the works.

Development of Highways

508. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has undertaken the construction and development of a set of six highways, namely, (i) Delhi-Chandigarh (ii) Delhi-Jaipur (iii) Delhi-Meerut (iv) Bangalore-Chennai (v) Delhi-Agra and (vi) Kolkata-Dhanbad; and

(b) if so, the details of the development work and infrastructure to be provided thereon and its cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The details of the construction and development undertaken by NHAI on the above mentioned six highways are given in the statement.

Statement

The details of development construction under taken by NHAI on highways

S.No.	Stretch	Development/Construction undertaken by NHAI
1	Delhi-Chandigarh	Delhi-Ambala Section of NH-1 is already 4 laned. Delhi-Panipat Section (km 8.2 to km 44.3) is being 6/8 laned at an estimated cost of Rs. 254.73 crore. Action initiated for award of work for 6 laning of km 66 to km 86. Work has been on BOT basis for 6-lane elevated highway from km 86 to km 96, the estimated project cost is Rs. 325 crore. Ambala-Chandigarh section of NH-22 has been awarded on BOT basis under NHDP Phase-IIIA. The work is for completion by November, 2008. The Estimated project cost is Rs. 298 crore.
2	Delhi-Jaipur	Stretch is already 4-laned. The 6/8 laning of Delhi-Gurgaon section has been undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 555 crore on BOT basis.